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In re application of: Shunsuke Furukawa et al.  
Serial No. : 09/638,164  
Filed : August 14, 2000  
For : DATA STORING MEDIUM, DATA RECORDING APPARATUS,  
DATA RECORDING METHOD, DATA REPRODUCING APPARATUS  
AND DATA REPRODUCING METHOD  
Group No. : 2766  
Date : February 9, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ Total claims in excess of 20 previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9)
- ☐ Independent claims in excess of 3 previously paid for, at \$80 (\$40)
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment
- ☐ This response is being filed within the first month, second month, third month, fourth month, fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of \$110 (\$55), \$390 (\$190), \$890 (\$435), \$1,390 (\$680), \$1,890 (\$925) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ set by 37 C.F.R § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 21, change "mediums" to --media--.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

line 1, delete "is disclosed, that";